

for her contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. I am proud to call Elaine Schreiber my friend; she has acquired a lifetime record of accomplishment and contributed much to the greater Milwaukee community and the State of Wisconsin.

**MOOURNING THE LOSS OF
CONGRESSMAN JIM OBERSTAR**

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, this week there are so many of us mourning the loss of Congressman Jim Oberstar. He was a great leader for transportation and infrastructure, and did many good things for his district and all over the country. For years, I looked to him for his tremendous knowledge on transportation and water issues. We were fortunate to both serve at the same time as Chairmen of the Transportation and Agriculture Committees, respectively, but we used to jokingly say that he was my "Secretary of Transportation" and I was his "Secretary of Agriculture". I also used to tell him that when he was done paving over his district, he could get to work paving mine.

But Congressman Oberstar was about so much more than transportation. He cared deeply about his district and the people who lived there. Countless times I would personally watch him bring 8th District issues directly to the leadership and to the caucus. He never forgot his roots, his passion was contagious, and his love for his family was deep. Jim Oberstar leaves a remarkable legacy in Minnesota and across the country.

**RECOGNITION OF RUTH
VALENZUELA**

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ruth Valenzuela, who has served as field representative for California State Assemblymember Patty Berg from 2005 to 2008 and Wesley Chesbro for six years thereafter as she is being honored for her civic engagement on May 8 and May 15 in Mendocino County—from the coast to the inland valleys.

Ruth's commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents of Mendocino County and California's Second Assembly District serves a model for public servants. Well-respected and appreciated for her ability to assist constituents with local and state matters in a calm and efficient manner, she has served the community with intelligence, patience and the highest caliber of professionalism with a variety of vexing issues.

Acting as California State Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro's eyes and ears in Mendocino County, as a volunteer for the Area Council on Aging and many other community organizations, Ruth is a trusted public resource and an indispensable asset to Mendocino.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Ruth Valenzuela for her invaluable service to Mendocino County and the people of California.

**HONORING PASTOR JAMES C.
WARD**

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Pastor James C. Ward is celebrating today nineteen (19) years as Pastor of Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Pastor Ward, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Ward is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor James C. Ward as he celebrates his nineteenth Pastoral Anniversary at Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 9, 2014 as Pastor James C. Ward Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of March, 2014.

**HONORING COACH O'KEEFE
HENDERSON**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach O'Keefe Henderson.

Coach Henderson is a proud product of Canton and a 1999 graduate of Canton High School. He attended Holmes Community College on a football scholarship. He received a football and track scholarship at Mississippi Valley State from 2002–2004.

After receiving ALL–SWAC honors in both sports he played two years of professional football in Laredo and Killeen, Texas. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Jackson State University in 2009 receiving a bachelor's degree in Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach O'Keefe Henderson.

**AMERICAN RESEARCH AND
COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2014**

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition to H.R. 4438, a bill to extend permanently the research and development tax credit. This is not an issue that I take lightly because this tax provision enjoys broad support in my district. But once again, a policy that has long enjoyed bipartisan support and has real economic impact in districts across the country has fallen victim to politics. Rather than advancing a package of tax extenders that places the priorities of working families and underwater homeowners alongside those of our business community, we are considering legislation that singles out the interests of one group over another.

Following the expiration of numerous important tax provisions at the end of last year, many constituents have contacted me to express their concerns about our inaction. From families who rely on the Earned Income Tax Credit to make ends meet, to renewable energy companies that will drastically scale back operations without the Production Tax Credit, to municipalities who use the New Markets Tax Credit to revitalize low-income areas, the scope of people and businesses that will suffer the consequences of inaction on a tax extenders package are too numerous to list here. To those who are looking to Congress for some indication that we are moving past political maneuvering, past the dysfunction that has characterized this body for too long, this bill is a step in the wrong direction.

Beyond the frustration that is felt at elevating this tax provision over the others I have previously mentioned, my constituents will wonder why we can pass this legislation and add about \$150 billion to the deficit, but we can't add a dime to extend emergency unemployment insurance benefits to millions of Americans. To advance this bill is an affront to the long-term unemployed who have been falling deeper into debt as Congress debates how it should pay for an extension of the vital benefits that could help keep them afloat while they continue to search for work.

I support extending the tax credit for research and development. It is vital to promoting American manufacturing and supporting our country's innovative technology sector, which is exemplified by the work done by companies like Intel in my district. But I support extending this credit alongside a package of others that also benefit my State, and every State in the country. Congress should consider a comprehensive tax extenders package, and should do so without delay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 217, on final passage of H.R. 10, the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter